

645—262.2 (148G,152B,272C) Continuing education requirements.

262.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period shall extend for a two-year period beginning on April 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on March 31 of the next even-numbered year. Each biennium, the licensee shall be required to complete continuing education that meets the requirements specified in rule 645—262.3(148G,152B,272C).

a. For respiratory care practitioner licensees: complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education. Fourteen of the 24 hours of continuing education shall be earned by completing a program in which the instructor conducts the class in person or by employing an electronic technology that allows for real-time communication between the instructor and licensee.

b. For respiratory care and polysomnography practitioner licensees: complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education. Eighteen of the 24 hours of continuing education shall be earned by completing a program in which the instructor conducts the class in person or by employing an electronic technology that allows for real-time communication between the instructor and licensee. At least 8 hours but not more than 12 hours shall be on sleep-related topics.

c. For polysomnographic technologist licensees: complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education. Fourteen of the 24 hours of continuing education shall be earned by completing a program in which the instructor conducts the class in person or by employing an electronic technology that allows for real-time communication between the instructor and licensee.

262.2(2) Requirements of new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal may be used. For each subsequent license renewal, the new licensee will be required to complete continuing education per biennium.

262.2(3) Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity. These hours must be in accordance with these rules.

262.2(4) No hours of continuing education shall be carried over into the next biennium except as stated for the second renewal. A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation.

262.2(5) It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.